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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action dated
August 22, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at column 5, line 45
in the manner shown on the attached sheet.

The transport arm 5 carries
at one end as conveyor portion a
disk or plate 19 on which an
article to be processed rests, in
the illustrated example a CD or a
magneto-optical storage disk 21,
centered at the plate 19 by a
central pin 17. As shown by
broken lines the plate 19 at the
supporting arm 5 can be moved
back from its seat (illustrated)
at the sealing frame 12 towards
the rotation axis A and thus the
lock may be opened at the side of
the transport device. Because
the transport device [3,5,19]
comprised of the transport arm 5
and the conveyor plate 19 of the



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